

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 10 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2004/012448 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (new): A lightweight valve comprising:

a valve stem;
a hollow valve cone with a hollow space; and
a valve disk closing the hollow space on one side and having a flat side facing the valve cone;

the valve stem being connected to a stem connection element formed on or fastened to the valve disk; and

a valve cone support located at a distance from the valve disk and provided in the hollow space, the valve cone support being located on the stem connection element and projecting above the flat side.

Claim 12 (new): The lightweight valve as claimed in claim 11 wherein the valve cone support includes at least one supporting surface bearingly contacting an inner wall region of the valve cone.

Claim 13 (new): The lightweight valve as claimed in claim 12 wherein a contour of the supporting surface complements the inner wall region.

Claim 14 (new): The lightweight valve as claimed in claim 11 wherein the valve cone-

support is formed by a thickening on the stem connection element.

Claim 15 (new): The lightweight valve as claimed in claim 11 wherein the valve cone is of disk-spring-shaped design.

Claim 16 (new): The lightweight valve as claimed in claim 11 wherein the valve cone has at a smaller diameter end a tubular projection for guiding through the valve stem or the stem connection element.

Claim 17 (new): The lightweight valve as claimed in claim 11 wherein the valve cone-support forms a centering or supporting seat for the valve cone.

Claim 18 (new): The lightweight valve as claimed in claim 11 wherein the valve disk has a recess serving as a centering or supporting seat for the valve cone.

Claim 19 (new): The lightweight valve as claimed in claim 11 wherein the valve is an internal combustion engine valve.